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SHORT ESSAY
ON THE
VIR T U E S
OF
Dr. NORRIS'S DROPS
FOR
F E V E R S.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,
LETTERS AND CERTIFICATES
OF MANY EXTRAORDINARY
C U R E S,

Among a great Number of others not made Publick,

INCONTESTIBLY PROVING

Their sovereign EFFICACY in FEVERS, &c.

L O N D O N:

Printed for the AUTHOR, and given gratis by Messrs. FIELDING and WALKER, Bookfellers, in Pater-noster-Row, the Wholesale Venders of these Drops, which are also sold by Dr. NORRIS, at his House in Duke-Street, Westminster.

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George R.

GEORGE the Third, by the grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. to all to whom these presents shall come, **greeting**. Whereas THOMAS NORRIS, of Duke-street, Westminster, Chemist, hath by his petition humbly represented unto us, that after many years study, labour, and great expence, he has discovered a Medicine, or Drops, for the cure of Fevers, and all Inflammatory Disorders; that his experience of its sovereign efficacy, not only in the above disorders, but in many chronic cases, is indisputable, and its operation so mild and gentle, that it does not in the least disturb the animal œconomy, even of the most delicate constitutions. And as he apprehends the said Medicine will be of general use and benefit to our subjects, he humbly prays us to be graciously pleased to grant him, his executors, administrators, and assigns, our Royal Letters Patent, under our Great Seal of Great-Britain, for the sole use and benefit of his discovery and invention, for the term of fourteen years. We being willing to give encouragement to all arts and inventions which may be for the public good, are graciously pleased to condescend to the petitioner's request. Know ye, therefore, that we, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said THOMAS NORRIS, his executors, administrators, and assigns, our licence, full power, and sole privilege, during the term of 14 years, to make, use, and vend his said invention of a Medicine or Drops for Fevers, as to him shall seem meet, and to have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, and advantage thereof, for the said term of fourteen years. Witness ourself at Westminster.

*Duke-street, Westminster,
January 25, 1778.*

By Writ of Privy Seal.

C O C K S.

MORE than ten years extensive experience has proved the very great efficacy of these Drops in the cure of *Fevers*, and *Inflammatory Disorders* in general; likewise Head-achs, Lowness of Spirits, and Complaints in the Stomach and Bowels, and by removing *Obstructions*, which are generally the cause of bad digestion, they recover nature, and with a little perseverance in taking them, will restore health almost imperceptibly, (without causing any of those violent operations, too often the effects of Antimonials in powders) which is well known to many Gentlemen of the Faculty in the first practice, as well as the great numbers who have happily experienced the great efficacy of these Drops, and found relief even after all other means had been tried without success.

These ineffimable Drops used to be sold in bottles at 5s. 3d. and 10s. 6d. each, but are now, in order to render them as generally useful to the public as possible, sold in bottles at 2s. 6d. and 5s. each,

At the Doctor's House, in Duke-street, Westminster.

Also wholesale by Messrs. Fielding and Walker, bookfellers, in Paternoster-Row; and retail by G. Kearsly, No. 46, Fleet-street; W. Davenport, No. 30, Cornhill; J. Hitchcock, Printseller, and at the Carolina Coffee-House, both in Birchin-lane; W. Tilly, Fish-street Hill; Byfield and Co. Charing-Cross; Southern, St. James's-street; Shropshire, Old-Bond-street; and J. Fish, Edward-street, Portman-square, London; and at all the principal Towns in Great-Britain and Ireland.



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SHORT ESSAY, &c.

THOUGH there is nothing should less plead for an apology to the public than addressing them on what so immediately and importantly concerns them, the *continuance and restoration of their health*; yet in a country like this,—where the *necessitous*, the *ignorant*, and *adventurous* are every hour practising on the constitutions of their fellow-creatures;—the most distant possibility of my being classed in this number would have prevented this address, was I not at the same time so conscious, from many years absolute experience in a variety of cases, of the superior efficacy of this medicine; that, abstracted from all other considerations, I should hold myself chargeable, in point of duty, to omit making it as universal as possible.

Upon this principle, then, and the corroborating success of this medicine for many years, I beg leave to recommend to the Public

These DROPS for FEVERS;

which, upon a certainty of their composition and salutary effects, I pronounce a *specific* in the following disorders—*Inflammatory Fevers*, *Putrid or Bilious Fevers*, *Slow Latent* (commonly called) *Nervous Fevers*, and *Putrid Sore Throats*, &c. insomuch that, in a vast variety of cases, where life has been often despaired of, and under some of the most respectable of the faculty, there has been no one instance (at least that has ever come to my knowledge) when properly given according to the directions, of their being found ineffectual.

And such is the singular efficacy and quality of this medicine, that it may be taken with equal safety in infancy or old age, by delicate or robust constitutions, in small or large quantities as the case may require; and so far from producing any of those violent operations, the usual effects of Antimonial Powders, it recovers nature in the most friendly manner imaginable, operating without any other sensible difference than a degree of perspiration, &c. proportioned to the necessity of the disease.

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It is to be lamented, that, upon many occasions, in fevers, physicians are obliged to wait for what they call the crisis of the disorder, and many days are often elapsed in this intermediate, doubtful state, before any thing can be pronounced in respect to an opinion on the patient; but this medicine is so immediate, yet innocent, in it's effects, that it waits for no crisis or particular period; it may be taken in the first, middle, or latter stages of the disorder, with safety; in short, it wants but to meet the disease to effect a cure.

From these *positive* declarations, I am not insensible what a risque I may be thought to run, both in respect to my own character and fortune; and indeed I should feel myself unworthy not only of the public patronage I have received, but of the common benefits of mankind, could I be so lost to my own honour and conscience, for the mere sake of interested views, thus to recommend a medicine, which I even remotely doubted of it's success; but the repeated proofs I have had of it's *never-failing efficacy*, it's immediate, powerful, and safe effects, all give me a consciousness of communicating it to the world under the most positive and certain assurances.

These drops, besides being a specific for fevers, I have often known succeed in a variety of other disorders, such as *bad digestion*, *nervous head-achs*, *latent scurvies*, (the source of many evils) and infallibly in *gouty habits*, where *insensible perspiration* is suppressed. And indeed when the extent of their powers, as an universal deobstruent, which lead to a general strengthening and restoration of nature, are considered, the universality of their effects will cease to be wondered at.

Having thus given a summary account of the virtues of these *Drops*, I am aware of the objections which will naturally arise from a comparative view of the general mode of medicinal administration, and that which prevails in this essay: I am likewise aware of the formidable opposition which every great discovery in medicine must unavoidably meet with, not only from it's opposition to established practice, but the uncharitable endeavours of interested men, who, under the specious pretence of it's not being in *common use*, have invariably reprobated all such (however beneficial to mankind) as dangerous or uncertain. Though the *use* of these *Drops* would be a convincing answer to such insinuations; yet, as many have not experienced their effects; and as I would willingly obviate every difficulty, as well for the sake of my own reputation as the satisfaction of the Public; I shall submit the following apology for my conduct.

It is generally objected to those, who have laboured through a painful course of years, and have been at great expences in the discovery and preparation of medicine, that to make a mystery for private emolument of what so essentially affects public benefit, is repugnant to those principles of universal charity, which should actuate the human breast:—This, at first sight, I own seems plausible, but then it should be considered, that the *means* of throwing this into *common use*, may destroy its effects; as the excellency of a medicine depend

not so much on the subject from which it is taken, as the great care and judgment in the preparation. A common chemist, in shortening the necessary period of preparation, dispensing with accidents, substituting apparently similar bodies, or by any of those various means, which may save his time, or increase his profits, may think himself sufficiently justified for so doing by *the usage of trade*: But the more careful chemist, conscious that the least accident or mismanagement is frequently sufficient to extinguish the virtues of his process, and having nothing so much at heart as the credit of his medicine, is barred by no labour, no time, no expences, no disappointments, in bringing to perfection this his favourite object.

Permit me then to rank myself in this last class, who, from dedicating the best part of my life to chemical Processes, must necessarily be supposed to be well acquainted with the minutest preparation of medicine; and on the credit of this experience let me add, that what from the judgment and accuracy required, together with the many accidents to which it is liable, the process of my *Drops* can scarcely be compleated in the way of *common business*. This consideration then alone, I flatter myself, will fully justify my conduct to the judicious and impartial part of mankind.

I have already been sufficiently explicit in enumerating the virtues of this medicine; I do not therefore mean to take up any more of the attention of the Public; otherwise, than as the PRESERVATION and RESTORATION of health form the principal and greatest blessing of life, that they strictly examine into it's merits. If it turns out to be productive of those benefits I have mentioned; surely I cannot be thought presuming to expect that a public reward should follow so public a benefit. If on the contrary I should be found one of those forward daring empiricks, who are heedless what sacrifices they make to their own interests; let me be branded with that infamy which those who endeavour to deceive mankind in such important matters deserve.

And here I beg leave to request all those who have honoured me with their confidence, and who by experience or observation are vouchers of the efficacy of this medicine, to favour me with their names and address, that, by the permitted publication of such authority, I may be the better enabled to render as universal as possible so great a benefit to mankind.

*Duke-street,
Westminster.*

THO. NORRIS.

LETTERS and CERTIFICATES
 OF
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 BY THE SOLE USE OF
 DR. NORRIS'S DROPS for FEVERS.

From the BRISTOL GAZETTE of May 14, 1778.

To the P R I N T E R.

S I R,

AS often as I hear of any one lately dead in a fever, my question is, Whether Norris's Drops were given to the deceased? The answer is commonly, No—No—No. And truly, Sir, in the course of more than seven years, not one instance hath come to my knowledge, of a patient doing otherwise than well, who tried that medicine.—On the other hand, I have been witness to such examples of its use and benefit, in the several kinds of fever—phrenzy, low nervous, putrid, &c. as have at last extorted from me this public acknowledgment—which cannot be deemed the effect of any partial bias in favour of Dr. Norris, to whom I am an utter stranger, nor of any selfish views of my own, being wholly disinterested;—the candid reader will therefore believe me, when I profess to have no other motive than the preservation of life and health, or in other words, the good of the human race.

If it be objected, that “there are *physicians* enough to take care of the lives and health of mankind;”—Is it not also to be deplored, that (especially in fevers) the physician is too often followed by the sexton! But, if I have seen a fellow creature, who, a little before, lay dissolving as it were in the flames of a burning fever, without any rest day or night, or dying away in the languors of the putrid sort—by the happy influence of this medicine, bless'd with refreshing sleep, or falling into a gentle perspiration, and these followed by all the signs of a speedy recovery;—if such reiterated scenes as these, in my own family, as well as others, have convinced me, that not only every fever, but even the cause of it, must infallibly give way to NORRIS'S DROPS; ought I still to resist the impulses of benevolence, and by an ill-timed shyness of appearing in print, lose perhaps an opportunity of saving life? For I dare aver, from repeated proof, that
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even in cases thought to be desperate, (if the patient has the good fortune to be *given over*, while the act of swallowing remains) the fore-mentioned Drops, administered according to the printed directions given with the medicine, will effect a cure; earnestly wishing, nevertheless, that a timely application of the medicine may prevent such extremities.

Now, Sir, if the foregoing should be thought an exaggerated account, I will readily direct any enquirer to the very persons, who will bear witness to their own remarkable cures, and evince more than is before asserted; and could also name several others of fortune and abilities in this city, who will speak of this medicine in higher terms than I have done. Who am, Sir,

Bristol,
May 12, 1778.

Your obliged humble servant,

ARTHUR SAWIER.

P. S. Persons supposed to be dying of the ulcerated sore throat, have been happily restored by the same medicine.

From the BRISTOL GAZETTE of August 20, 1778.

To the P R I N T E R.

He robs his neighbour that relieves him not. Juv.

S I R,

WHEN I made bold some time ago to send you a few lines for your paper, (which I have the unexpected pleasure to see repeated in several other news-papers) in recommendation of the greatest *medical blessing* the world ever received, it was done with a sole view to the preservation of life, and the relief or prevention of those miseries that so often attend fevers in the usual method of treatment. A news-paper is read by multitudes of every class, and may find its way into those hands where a book of attested cures may never come, and therefore appeared the most likely channel to convey the benefit intended. The end is not altogether unanswered, occasions of illness are but too frequent—the unprejudiced have believed our report, and tried the medicine—to try it fairly and to succeed are inseparable; and accordingly several have been lately added to the cloud of witnesses that have made Norris's Fever Drops famous in London and elsewhere.—*But now so it is*, that some are displeased with my sincere endeavours: those who know no other spring of action but Self, insinuate that I am interested in the profits of the medicine; this I can safely disavow in the most plenary and solemn manner. Others who dread nothing more than the reputation of a medicine which may be taken without pomp or parade, affect to doubt the truth of what is asserted; but this will be readily proved by all the evidence that things of the kind are capable of. A third sort allow me, indeed, the credit of a good intention, but wish “ I had
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let alone matters of health, and minded my own business." To these the sentence of a heathen writer, above quoted, may be a full answer, as it sets in the very worst light the character of him who knows what will save his neighbour's life, but does not reveal it. Others again are at a loss to know how a person not bred to physic should come to know any thing about the cure of fevers, &c. For the satisfaction of such, my introduction was as follows:

At a time when I had not so much as heard that the medicine was extant, the printed directions for using Dr. Norris's Fever Drops, by mere accident, fell into my hands; it happened at the same time that a young person of my acquaintance lay dangerously ill of a putrid fever. Going the same evening to see my friend, I found the family much alarmed at an intimation from the Doctor who attended, that it would be proper to call in further assistance, for that he was apprehensive of a change for the worse. The urine, which had been reserved every day for his inspection, was hitherto without sediment, and every symptom had an unpromising aspect. By the look of the eyes, total abience of rest, extreme dejection, and low pulse of the patient, it was apparent even to me, who know no more of physic than is implied in common sense and observation, that no time was to be lost; and therefore taking the forementioned paper of directions out of my pocket, I earnestly requested that Norris's Medicine might be tried—my entreaties prevailed, and several bottles were instantly sent for, that there might be no want in the night.—The Drops were given freely, and with the most happy success, for in an hour's time the pulse and spirits were considerably raised; this was followed by a kindly propensity to sleep, and the abatement of a violent pain in the back part of the head and neck; the patient slept five or six hours that night, having had no rest for the six nights preceding.—And in the morning the face of things was so changed, that the same gentleman, (not knowing what had been done) exclaimed with admiration at such an amendment in so short a time, protesting that if the present symptoms continued, he thought the patient out of danger.—By the *sole use* of these Drops entire health returned apace, and strength followed by degrees.—Such a convincing proof of the goodness of the medicine could not but engage me to recommend it occasionally wherever I had any influence, and in all such instances, in what kind of fever soever, a speedy and effectual cure has always been obtained by these Drops, without the least uneasiness in the operation. From which, together with the concurring testimony of others, I conclude that Norris's Fever Medicine is as infallible in the cure of fevers, as water is in the quenching of fire. Pardon the length of this letter from, Sir, your most humble servant,

Bristol, Aug. 10, 1778.

ARTHUR SAWIER.

P. S. It is constantly found, that if these Drops are taken soon after the shivering fit, so often preceding a fever, it will never rise to any considerable height, but go off by perspiration, &c.

To Dr. NORRIS, *Duke-street, Westminster.*

S I R,

SOME time ago at Plymouth I was suddenly taken ill; it began with a shivering all over me, a dreadful sickness at my stomach, together with a nausea and vomiting, which soon terminated in a violent Fever; an Apothecary was sent for; I took of his draughts, &c. But hearing so much of your Drops for Fevers, I thought, while I remained in my senses, (for I found a delirium coming on very fast) I would give them a trial; accordingly I sent for a bottle, and took only a tea-spoonful, though by your directions I should have taken three times the quantity; I suppose, like many others at first, I might be timorous: I continued taking a tea-spoonful every hour for three or four hours, when I found myself in a profuse sweat, in which I continued the whole night, free from pain or anxiety, my nurse supplying me plentifully with baum tea. The Apothecary not knowing what I had done, called in the morning, and was agreeably surprized on finding the fever quite subdued in so short a time, and inspecting the urinal, expressed his astonishment at the consistence of its contents, discharged in the course of the night, which was very thick indeed: not chusing to give offence, I did not undeceive him; I continued your Drops, and nothing else, taking them every two or three hours, more or less, and in the course of three days, finding myself so well recovered, I set off in a post-chaise for London, upwards of 200 miles, in severe frosty weather, and never went to bed till I got home; I took your Drops all the way, and found them very comfortable.

Upon my arrival, I found my child, a boy about 9 months old, very bad, and given over, with an inflammation on his lungs, and such a difficulty of breathing, that he might be heard all over the house, expecting every breath to be his last, and reduced to a mere skeleton. From the great benefit I so recently received from your Drops, I ordered his nurse to give them to him immediately, and continue them every three hours, from twenty drops to a tea-spoonful, which had the desired effect, and removed the complaint in a few days. I have recommended them to my own family and friends, who speak as highly of them as I do, and from the many instances where I have been an eye witness of their salubrious effects, do earnestly recommend them to the public as a sovereign remedy for Fevers of every kind, and a safe and efficacious medicine in many other disorders, to my knowledge. One proof of the many which I could give, is the following: One Mr. Loughlin, brother to one of my servants, had been upwards of six weeks an out-patient of St. Thomas's Hospital, for a complaint in his side; the pain made him walk almost double; thus rendered unable to work, he applied to me to get him to be an in-patient: as I am never without some of your Drops by me, I gave him part of a bottle, which he took; and although they operated quite in an insensible manner, the effect was

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such as removed his complaint, and rendered him capable of working at his business in the course of a week.

In compliance to the justice and reasonableness of your request in one of your books, which fell into my hands some time ago, I send you the above recital of simple facts, of which you have my liberty to make what use you please, for the general good of mankind.

*Old Gravel-lane, Radcliffe
Highway, May 5, 1778.*

I am, Sir,

Your friend and servant,

JOHN HINDLEY.

To Dr. NORRIS, in Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

I Have two daughters, who, I think I may safely say, under God, owe their very existence to the virtues of your Drops for Fevers; I herewith send you their case, which you have my consent to publish, if you think proper, for the benefit of those labouring under the like afflictions.

In the spring of the year 1776 my youngest daughter was seized with a nervous fever, with an extreme dejection and loss of appetite, which continued for some time, and brought her extremely low. She had the advice and assistance of some of the most eminent of the faculty, but without any relief; as the last recourse, I sent for a bottle of your Drops, which, in a few days, entirely took away the Fever, and by the use of two small bottles only, she was quite restored to a good state of health.

In the summer of 1777 she was again seized with a violent putrid fever, and the week following I had another daughter fell ill of the same fever; the symptoms ran very high in both, a constant watchfulness and delirium to a very great degree. I now declined calling in any of the faculty, but trusted entirely to the efficacy of your Drops, and by administering them pretty freely, every dangerous symptom was soon removed, and by a short continuance their health was perfectly re-established. I shall be ready and willing to satisfy any person who chuses to be further informed of the truth of the above.

*No. 116,
Fetter-lane, London,
May 4, 1778.*

And am, Sir, with gratitude and respect,

Your very humble servant,

ELIZ. MARKS.

E. NEWHAM, Housekeeper to Mr. Frears, in Wych-street, St. Clement Danes, was sorely afflicted with an inveterate sharp corrosive humour in her blood, for the space of one year and a half, suffered great pain, and scarce able to move about for some months; by applying to Dr. Norris, in Duke-street, Westminster, and taking a few bottles of his Drops, received a perfect cure.

Mr. Frears will authenticate this account at any time.

July 31, 1778.

Letter

*Letter from THOMAS DOBSON, at Mr. ELDERTON's, in Salisbury,
to Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.*

S I R,

IN justice to your excellent and most valuable Drops for Fevers and Colds, I send you the particulars of my case, which, if you think proper, you are welcome to publish for the benefit of others.

Sometime in the beginning of last winter I caught a violent cold, attended with a fever and hoarseness, which reaching my lungs, fixed there, and I grew worse daily, till at length I was quite weak, much emaciated, and so deprived of my speech, as only to be able to speak in a very low, whispering voice, scarcely to be heard by any person, though ever so near me; and notwithstanding I tried every remedy that could be thought of, I continued thus for more than three months, and instead of mending, grew still worse, till at length I was got into a very weak and dangerous way. However, after every other medicine which I had applied proved unsuccessful, I was persuaded to try your Drops, which I took according to the directions given with them, and soon found myself begin to grow better, and before I had quite finished taking only one bottle, to my own and all the family's astonishment and surprize, I recovered the use of my speech, so as one morning, when I arose, I could speak as articulately and loud as ever; I continued taking the Drops, and daily encreased in strength, and now, and for these two months past, have been in perfect health, without the least remains of my disorder.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

THOMAS DOBSON.

*Salisbury,
July 17, 1778.*

Dear S I R,

IT is now some years since I gave you mine and my son's case, expressive of the effects your Fever Drops had in the recovery of us both, from a violent Fever, and putrid Sore Throat; since which, I am happy to find them so universally approved of, and so well established, as to leave little room for any thing I can say farther in support of their real merit. Yet, as there cannot be too many instances brought to view, for the advantage and satisfaction of the public, you have my consent to publish the inclosed narrative of the late recovery of my son from a dangerous Fever, and Sore Throat, by the sole use of your inestimable Fever Drops. About ten weeks ago my son, between ten and eleven years of age, was taken very ill at an Academy a very little way from town, where he has been some years; such is my opinion of your Drops, I made it a point with his Governor, that if at any time he should be taken ill, no
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matter what, to give him a tea-spoonful or two of your Drops, taking care a bottle for that purpose should be always in the house, and repeat it occasionally, and if that should not remove the complaint, to send for you immediately. Instead of either being done, an Apothecary was sent for, &c. The boy becoming worse and worse daily, his Governor, whose care and tenderness in all other respects is remarkable, called with great concern to acquaint me of the dangerous way he was in; fortunately you dined with me that day, which afforded you an opportunity of hearing all that passed, upon which you concluded to have him brought home immediately; and, though late at night, you would wait his arrival. A carriage and faithful woman servant were dispatched, and returned with him wrapped up in a blanket, just as he was taken out of bed; and though contrary to the opinion of all present, you gave me some hope of his recovery, which was soon verified; in two days you pronounced him out of danger, and, in a few days more, was perfectly restored by your invaluable Fever Drops; which I do most heartily recommend as the first medicine in the world, and particularly for Fevers.

P. MAYLOR.

Little East-Cheap, No. , London.

— W —, Esq.

THIS gentleman, struck with some expressions in my directions, (viz. "A Fever is produced by an extraordinary exertion of the powers of nature, to expel whatever has a tendency to be destructive or noxious to the animal œconomy") was determined, after having sufficiently proved many things ineffectual, to send for me, which he did. I found him sorely afflicted with a Bilious, Putrid Fever, attended with a most violent Vomiting and Purging, and in all appearance near a dissolution; however, being convinced of the healing powers of my medicine, I gave him a smile of hope, and after administering a small dose, left him to rest. The next day I found him considerably better, and in a few days, without other assistance, he was perfectly cured.

S I R,

I Was sorely afflicted with a lingering Fever, occasioned by a cold, which brought on a loss of appetite and weakness of stomach, that would suffer very little nourishment to stay on it. After more than six months illness, my physicians * having so far given me over as to discontinue their prescriptions, thinking every possible means had been tried, at last consented that your Drops should be administered; the first dose gave manifest signs of amendment, and in a short

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short continuance of them I was restored from the brink of the grave to perfect health. It is now upwards of five years since I experienced their happy effects; since which I have not only recommended, but administered them to many in fevers, and do declare, I never found them to fail in a single instance. This you have my permission to make public for the benefit of mankind.

I am, S I R,

Lambeth Palace.

Your very humble servant,

GEORGE TEGETMEYER.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

Mrs. G——.

THIS gentlewoman had been afflicted many months with a Slow, Latent, Nervous Fever, with a total loss of appetite, and bad digestion; inasmuch that she was reduced to a very deplorable condition. In this state, after every advice and assistance of the faculty, and when her recovery was generally despaired of, she was induced, by the persuasion of Mr. Tegetmeyer, to try my Drops; which, to the astonishment of herself and all who knew her, very soon restored her to perfect health.

JOHN WHITE, *servant to Mr. TEGETMEYER.*

Notwithstanding this man was delirious, and had every dangerous symptom that could possibly attend an Acute Inflammatory Fever; upon taking my Drops, a gentle perspiration ensued, and a very copious sweat soon followed, which carried off his Fever in a few hours; and in a few days he was able to go about his business.

S I R,

MY servant was delirious, and in all respects so bad in an Inflammatory Fever, attended with a putrid disposition, that it was generally thought she could not recover; but on taking these Drops she presently began to mend, and the continuance of one small bottle perfected her cure.

Some time after my son had a violent Inflammatory Fever, and from the almost immediate effects of these Drops on my servant, and the good report I had heard of them from many of my acquaintance, I trusted in them altogether, and gave him no other medicine: I gave them to him freely, which threw him into a fine perspiration

perspiration and a sweet sleep; the Fever was carried off in a few hours, and he recovered health and strength in a few days. This you have my permission to publish for the good of mankind, believing your Drops to be the most safe and effectual remedy for Fevers ever yet discovered.

I am, S I R,

John-street, Adelphi.

Your very humble servant,

JOHN ARNOLD.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

Letter from GEORGE DOWNING, Esq.

S I R,

I Have read your Treatise on your Drops for Fevers, and having experienced their good effects in a variety of instances in my family for above six years, I consider it as a duty to add to your catalogue my testimony of their safety and efficacy; of which, to particularize no other, there cannot be a stronger proof than the following case:

A daughter of mine, sixteen years of age, of a delicate constitution, was last autumn seized with a Putrid Fever and Sore Throat; so rapid was the disease in it's progress, that she was near a dissolution before your Drops were administered. We gave them in large doses, and very freely, by which the danger was presently overcome, and my daughter soon perfectly restored to health. You have my permission to subjoin this to your Essay,

And am, S I R,

Brompton.

Your most humble servant,

GEORGE DOWNING.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

MR. F. a respectable tradesman in the city of London. His daughter, a weakly delicate child, about five years of age, was sorely afflicted with a swelled stomach, and constipation in her bowels; together with indigestion, a Slow Fever, and a sharp corrosive humour in her blood. To the inexpressible joy of her parents, who had despaired of her recovery, she is happily restored to health, by the virtues of this invaluable medicine. Two of his servants were cured of a Putrid Fever; the one in his own house, very speedily, and went about his business in a few days; the other soon after was attacked with the same disorder: for reasons best known to his master he

he sent him to Islington, and put him under the care of an apothecary there, but hearing very unfavourable accounts of him daily, he went to see him, and sent for the Apothecary, who told him, among other things, that his Fever was a very dangerous one, and must wait for a crisis, &c. This not appearing satisfactory to the old gentleman, he discharged the Apothecary, and immediately sent for me. Let it suffice to say, that I was under the necessity of giving this young man three times more in quantity of the Drops than is ordinarily prescribed, before the desired effect was produced; he began to take them about eight o'clock in the morning, and between that and five in the evening he had taken four fifths of a half guinea bottle, without their having the least sensible effect; he then called for a large bason of tea, which he drank, and about six had a very profuse sweat, in which he continued the whole night, and slept comfortably. I made him a visit the next day, and found him equal to my wishes; and the day following pronounced him out of danger, which I reported to his master. In a week or ten days after I saw him about his business.

R E M A R K S.

Very few people pay that attention to the directions given with the medicine which they ought; if they did, there would be very little occasion for my visits, particularly in Fevers.

S I R,

MY eldest son was seized with a most violent Fever and never-ceasing excessive head-ach, which defied all the various medicines that acknowledged skill and attention could prescribe for thirteen days and nights together, until he was evidently sinking under debilitating vomits, blisters, and four bleedings; the despairing father trembling for the fate of a youth who had never once swerved from the strictest rules of duty, and who but very recently lost another most promising youth, under circumstances exactly similar; and therefore as a last resource in such imminent danger, he applied for Dr. Norris's Drops for Fevers, which in one night carried off the violent head-ach, and through a soft easy sweat, that terminated in a sound sleep, every dangerous symptom was at once removed; which I dutifully attest, to allay the excruciating anguish of all other unhappy parents in the like melancholy sorrow and distress for their beloved offspring, sinking, helpless, and without any hope of further relief from fast approaching dissolution. This, Sir, you have my permission to publish for the good of mankind.

ALEXANDER DINGWALL.

Charing-Cross.

To Dr. NORRIS, *Duke-street, Westminster.*

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*A Letter from the Rev. Mr. CHAUNCY, Rector of Ayot St. Peter,
in Hertfordshire.*

S I R,

I Was greatly afflicted with a weak stomach, frequent head-achs, a vitiated appetite, and a scorbutic habit; let it suffice to say that your Fever Drops, without the assistance of any other medicine, under God, have restored me to a good state of health. My wife also, by a short continuance of them, was cured of a Nervous Fever, frequent head-achs, and a general loathing of food. This you have my permission to subjoin to your Essay, and am,

S I R,

Your humble servant,

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

— H. Esq.

WAS cured by these Drops of a Slow Latent Fever, indigestion, crudities, &c. This gentleman, from a charitable motive, has had much experience of the sovereign effects of this medicine in an Endemial Fever, which prevailed in his neighbourhood. To use his own words, "This Fever prevailed in my absence from home; my housekeeper administered them to the poor, as long as she had any; all who took them recovered, and two, for whom she had none left, died."

Mrs. D'HAYNES, Prince's-Court, Story's-Gate, Westminster,

WAS afflicted with a violent pain in her chest, a weak stomach and bad digestion, attended with a Slow Nervous Fever; she is perfectly restored to health by the sole use of this medicine.

Mrs. MAY, No. 8, Buckingham-street, York-Buildings,

WAS afflicted with the most distressing Miliary Fever I ever was acquainted with, which species of Fever is universally allowed to be of longer continuance (though not so dangerous) and requires more judgment in treating it, than any other kind of Fever; notwithstanding, under a course of my Drops, taken according to directions, she was perfectly cured in seventeen days, which, in the common way of treating it, rarely happens in as many weeks. This she is ready to attest when called upon.

Mrs.

Mrs. ANN WRIGHT, James-street, Golden-square,

CURED of a most violent pain in her stomach, so excruciating at times as not to be described, attended with a total loss of appetite, so that very little nourishment would stay on her stomach. In two years continuance of this malady, her strength and spirits were quite exhausted, and her skin became very yellow; insomuch that she was reduced to the most deplorable state. After proving every effort of the faculty vain, and taking various medicines to no good purpose, she was induced, by the recommendation of a gentleman who had sufficiently proved their virtues, to take my Drops, one small bottle of which restored her to perfect health.

S I R,

I Caught a severe cold, which terminated in a violent Inflammatory Fever; and notwithstanding I had every assistance that could be obtained, I continued growing worse and worse for eighteen days; when few signs of life appearing, your Fever Drops were administered as the last effort to restore me, when, to the surprize of all my friends, in the course of three days, I was perfectly recovered, without any other sensible effect than a degree of perspiration. This you have not only my permission but my request you will make public for the good of mankind.

Finch-lane, Cornhill.

THOMAS HEPBURN.

R E M A R K S.

This young man, after bleeding, blistering, leeches applied to his temples, and every other means in common practice made use of to no good purpose, his brother with whom he lives, was advised to try in this desperate case my Fever Drops; he made some enquiries about me at the Carolina Coffee-house in Birchin-lane, where I frequently go when in the city; satisfied with Mr. Carr's, and several gentlemen's report of me there, the Drops were immediately administered according to directions; the next day I happened to call at the coffee-house, when Mr. Carr, who keeps it, after reciting what had past, was sorry to inform me the young man was no better, and then past all hope; that as I was so near, he thought it adviseable I should call; I did; and never did I see a human being nearer death: I could feel no pulse; he lay on his back with his eyes wide open and fixed, speechless, and motionless to all appearance. Being the first instance of my Drops failing in Fevers, at least that ever came to my knowledge, made me more particularly inquisitive about the administration of them, when (to my great surprize) the brother of my patient assured me with much concern, they were administered according to directions, and he had taken of nothing else

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since, *but the Apothecary's stuffs, as he called them*, every two hours, as they were directed to be given. There was no time to be lost in reproof; it was now one o'clock at noon; I immediately dispatched a messenger to Mr. Parker's, for a half-guinea bottle of Drops, a table spoonful of which was poured down that instant, with directions, if he lived an hour and an half, to repeat it, and continue to give him that quantity every two hours after, till a sweat, or some visible signs of amendment, were discovered; and then to diminish the dose gradually; that no other medicine should be administered on any account, but to let him have as much baum tea, or any simple diluting liquor as they could get down, by little and little, every now and then; the blunder committed before, made them now doubly diligent and punctual; I called the next day, and found him very weak, low, and languid, but happily the Fever was quite gone. The nurse informed me he lay very quiet till five o'clock; about six he began to perspire, and continued so to do plentifully the whole night, sleeping all the time; which from his laying very still and motionless, and as she thought breathless too, made her several times conclude he was dead, till, by laying on her hand every now and then, she was satisfied to the contrary. I then ordered the Drops to be given very sparingly, not above twenty or thirty, every two or three hours, till I called the next day, when I pronounced him out of danger, and ordered him to be wrapped up in a blanket, put into a carriage, and taken somewhere to breathe a purer air as soon as possible, which was accordingly done soon after. He now gathered strength, and in a few days was able to return to his business, and has continued ever since in good health and spirits.

C E R T I F I C A T E.

I, THOMAS REYNOLDS, master of the ship *Mentor*, belonging to the port of London, do hereby certify to whom it may concern, that upon my late voyage from St. Kitt's to Carolina, with negro slaves, several of them falling ill of Fevers, and some of them very dangerously so, I administered to them Dr. Norris's Drops; and they all perfectly recovered without the aid of any other medicine whatsoever.

London.

THOMAS REYNOLDS.

R E M A R K S.

This gentleman informed me, that from Africa to St. Kitt's he had lost upwards of seventy slaves, not being able to prevail on the Surgeon to administer my Fever Drops to them. When he arrived at St. Kitt's, the Doctor quitted the ship, and the Captain then had about seventy slaves left, which he was to take to Carolina: in the

the passage ten or twelve of them were seized with the same Fever the others died of; being then without a Surgeon, he had recourse to my Fever Drops, which recovered them, verily believing, if timely administered, nine out of ten of those that were lost might have been saved. These Drops were sent, by way of experiment, at the instance of a worthy Gentleman, a Merchant in the city, much interested in African affairs, and under the peculiar care of Captain Reynolds, the only one, he said, he could depend upon to make a just report; before which, and since, several small boxes were sent to Merchants at Liverpool for the same purpose, and some few from the port of London also; but, strange to tell! when immediately under the care and administration of the Surgeon, all their influence were gone, and they became of none effect. It would be no very easy matter to prevail upon many commanders of ships who sail without Surgeons, to credit this report from their own experience. This I am very well assured of, and could venture my credit, reputation, and fortune, upon the event, that if the Surgeons of ships were actuated by the same disinterested principles, my Fever Drops would prove a great acquisition not only to the African Company in preserving their negroes, but the lives of thousands subject to putrid Fevers in hot climates.

*Letter from Capt. STOTT, of his Majesty's frigate the JUNO, to
Dr. NORRIS.*

IN justice to you, and from a desire of being serviceable to the community, particularly that part of it which I have the honour to be a member of, I send you, attested by the Officers of his Majesty's ship Juno, under my command, an account of the effects of your Drops for Fevers, in the course of my late voyage to and from Falkland's Island.

In the outward passage, by the Surgeon of the ship's report to me, of the 5th of April last, it appeared, that Geo. Hunter and Laur. Pittman, two of the seamen, were taken ill with Malignant Fevers; that having for several days been given the usual medicines without effect, he thought them past a possibility of recovery; judging this a fit opportunity to make a trial of the efficacy of your Drops, (for notwithstanding the recommendations which were given me of them, and which induced me to take them with me, I had resolved to let every usual means take place before I gave them) I then therefore gave a bottle to the Surgeon, and desired they might be administered; he said, it would, he believed, be of little consequence whatever was given them, as he thought they could not live to the next day; however, he would try them. The next morning, in his account to me of the sick, he told me the men were much better, and he believed they would recover; which from that time they did, and were soon after able to do their duty in the ship.

On the 27th of July following, being in the southern part of the Torrid zone, Mr. Joslin, the boatswain of the ship, was taken ill of the same Fever, with the like symptoms as the two former; and after the Surgeon had represented to me, that he had used all the means in his power for his recovery to no purpose, the Fever Drops were given, and had the desired effect, by his immediate recovery.

Sometime afterwards, in the southern ocean, James Hamm, and Evan Williams, the one a boy, the other a marine, were seized with a Fever, and were, by the Surgeon's report to me, given over for many days; the Drops were given them also, which produced a plentiful sweating, and their immediate recovery. Such repeated success gives me the highest opinion of the virtue and efficacy of your Fever Drops, and on these grounds I cannot too strongly recommend them.

I also enclose you the Surgeon's attestation taken from the journals of his practice in the ship; and which, as well as this letter, you are at liberty to make public. Wishing you every success,

I am, SIR,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Juno, Portsmouth.

JOHN STOTT.

We, the undermentioned Officers of his Majesty's said ship Juno, do also testify what is mentioned in the above letter, and are of the same opinion with regard to Dr. Norris's Fever Drops.

CHARLES C. CROOKE, 1st Lieutenant,

WILLIAM BARROW, 2d Lieutenant.

JAMES HOLROYD, Master.

WILLIAM JOSLIN, Boatswain.

THOMAS TURNER, Purser.

The Surgeon's Attestation taken from his Journal.

George Hunter taken ill of a Malignant Fever; symptoms, a head-ach, vomiting, burning heat, for many days; the medicines given had no effect; then the purging came on, with an insensibility; he continued in that state four or five days, when Dr. Norris's Fever Drops were given, which threw him into a perspiration, and he recovered.

Same day Laurence Pittman was taken ill; symptoms the same as Hunter, and given over; when the Fever Drops were administered, which, without any sensible operation, had the desired effect.

Mr. Joslin was taken ill of the same Fever as Hunter and Pittman; symptoms the same; and after medicines were administered to no purpose, and he was given over, the Fever Drops were given, and had the desired effect.

James

James Hamm and Evan Williams were both seized with the same Fever; symptoms the same; and were both given over for many days; the Fever Drops were then given, which brought on a plentiful sweating, and both recovered.

JOHN BOYD, Surgeon.

*Extract of a Letter from ROBERT WILLIAMS, Merchant, to
Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.*

Newbern, North Carolina.

Much respected Friend,

THY favour, with a box of Fever Drops, I received by means of our Friend Eyre, about 16 last 12 mo. They have gained great reputation in these parts, and being the time our general assembly in Newbern, and my own acquaintance being very extensive in this province, I had an opportunity of recommending them to many people; carried some to our good Governor Martin. Immediately on receiving them, I gave some to my own child, about two years old, who was feverish, and much out of order. Every one in my family could observe a sudden change for the better: I have continued to give him a few at times, and the child is brave and hearty. Another child, about twelve months old, that had been long sick, had lost all appetite, I advised them, which in a few days recovered his health and appetite. A negro man in my own employ, about 23 years of age, by much wading in the water, got a severe pleurisy; it being about 20 miles from where I reside myself, they bled him, after some days sweated him; he went out before his sweat was off, and grew so bad, they sent me word they thought he would die. I immediately dispatched orders to give him thy Fever Drops, and he soon recovered.

Two persons, that had them of me, were cured of stubborn coughs, which, I believe, would soon have terminated in consumptions.

A married woman, not with child, caught a considerable cold, which occasioned a suppression of the menses, with fever and great pains. I advised the use of the Drops, which soon abated the pains, fever, and head-ach, and in about two days time set nature to act for herself in the natural way.

I mention these few particulars more for the conviction of others than thy own confirmation. Indeed, for my own part, I believe the Drops to be the most sovereign remedy ever yet found out for what thou recommends them, and may prove advantageous in many cases which are not mentioned in thy directions.

Mr.

Mr. CARTER, Attorney at Law, George-Yard, Tower-Hill,

WAS miserably afflicted with a depression of spirits, bad digestion, and a debility of natural strength, proceeding from a most violent scorbutic habit; but is now in perfect health by the sole use of Dr. Norris's Drops for Fevers.

THOMAS CARTER;

S I R,

FROM extreme weakness, and a total loss of appetite, I was reduced to so deplorable a state that I had five successive miscarriages; in my sixth pregnancy your Fever Drops were administered, which restored my appetite and digestion, and strengthened me to my full time in a happy delivery. I recovered to the astonishment of all who knew me, and, together with my child, am preserved in health, by the sole use of this invaluable medicine.

Charter-house-Lane.

A. BROOKS.

S I R,

I Had for many years a violent scorbutic humour, which at last not only grew troublesome, but occasioned my breaking out in blotches, with continual itching, attended with a heaviness and sudden heats, particularly after eating, so that I became very disagreeable to myself. After six weeks application of these Drops I felt every desired benefit, and am now in a better state of health and vigour than I ever had before. I have administered with my own hands the Drops to many people in Fevers; in all I have succeeded, and in some cases where the patients have been greatly despaired of. This you have my permission to subjoin to your essay; and I am,

S I R,

Philpot-Lane.

Your very humble servant,

R. CRACRAFT.

A Letter from WILLIAM NORRIS, Esq; of Nonesuch, Wiltshire.

S I R,

AS you seem desirous of communicating to the public the observations which have been made by those who have either taken themselves, or administered to others, your Drops for Fevers, I cannot

not but think it incumbent on me, in consequence of the good effects I have experienced from it, both in myself and family, to transmit you a short account of the result. With regard to myself, my constitution is rather valetudinary, and has been so as long as I can remember. It is now about fifteen years since it was first invaded by the gout, which I think I may call hereditary, as I cannot accuse myself of any irregularities adequate to the severity with which I have been visited by this formidable enemy.

Among many causes that combine to bring on the gout, I was always of opinion, that *an obstructed perspiration was one*. To remove this, I was advised, *when perspiration was suppressed, to take your Fever Drops frequently and plentifully; these, by promoting a good digestion, and it's consequent attendant, a brisk circulation of the fluids, kept open my pores, which before, upon any sudden change in the air from heat to cold, were generally closed.*

In the fits of the gout I frequently take them in small quantities, and find them promote, *assisted by small dilutive liquors, sensible perspiration in a high degree; and, upon any uneasy sensations in the stomach or bowels, during the fit, they seldom fail to remove the cause.* In Fevers, either Putrid or Inflammatory, frequent occasions have offered to try their effects in a numerous family of my own; and, from repeated experience, I never found them fail of success, and that by removing the disease in a very few days.

Thus much I am warranted to say in their favour, and think them possessed of much greater virtues than even I have described.

I am, S I R,

Bedford-Row.

Your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM NORRIS.

S I R,

TO be silent where the health of mankind is concerned, I deem a crime; must therefore return you my sincere thanks for the great advantage I and my son experienced, within these few months, from the use of your justly esteemed Fever Drops. We were both attacked with a Putrid Fever and Sore Throat, he in particular so bad that he became delirious; but, on taking a proper dose or two of the Drops, both were in a few hours much relieved, and in a short time restored to perfect health. Beside my own experience of their salutary effects, I have known several since that have been cured by them of Fevers, and in consequence I take the liberty of recommending them strongly to all persons labouring under such disorders, as one of the most sovereign remedies. If you think proper,
you

you have my permission to make this letter public, as it is but doing common justice to that heavenly medicine, and my fellow creatures also.

I am, S I R,

Your much obliged and

Little Eastcheap.

most humble servant,

PAUL MAYLOR.

To Dr. NORRIS, *Duke-street, Westminster.*

S I R,

I Was greatly oppressed with a bilious disorder, and severely afflicted with an hereditary Gout; insomuch that for the most part of my time I was rendered incapable of doing any business, 'till by the generous effects of your Fever Drops my bilious complaints are removed; and each fit of the gout rendered so short, by supporting a gentle perspiration universally, when it came on, which they never yet failed to do in all my experience of them. I have used them, at times, these five years, and never enjoyed a better state of health than since I have taken of them; wishing the same good effects on others that I have experienced from them,

I am, S I R,

Crown-Court, Butcher-Row.

Your very humble servant,

R. LEDGLEY.

To Dr. NORRIS, *Duke-street, Westminster.*

S I R,

I HAVE read your late publication on the virtues of your Fever Drops. In justice to the medicine, and in compliance to truth, I think it my duty to give the following account of them within my own knowledge.

I had a Slow Fever upon me for several years, and could find no relief. When I heard of the efficacy of your Drops, I immediately got a bottle, and took them as directed; in a few hours I found relief, and in a short time after a perfect cure. It is now upwards of two years, and I never had the least return. I have since administered them to my spouse and niece, both in violent Fevers; a copious sweat ensued, and the Fever ceased in a few hours, without a relapse. Finding their efficacy such, I recommended them to several friends to half a score at least, in similar cases, in all which they had the de-

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fired effect; I do not know of their failing in a single instance. This you have my permission to publish for the good of mankind.

I am, SIR,

No. 1. Inner Temple,
King's-Bench-Walks.

Yours, &c.

EDWARD SHUTE.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

Letter from Mr. ANDERSON, Merchant, Billiter-square.

S I R,

I Was for some time troubled with a Slow Fever, with loss of appetite, and lowness of spirits; but by taking your Fever Drops I was soon perfectly relieved,

I am, SIR,

Your most humble servant,

RICHARD ANDERSON.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

I Was some time ago attacked with a Fever: I sent for my Apothecary, who took some blood from me, and sent me medicines, which I took to no good purpose. I then desired him to administer Dr. James's Powders, which also not succeeding, one of the most eminent of the Faculty was called in, who in about ten or twelve days took off the violence of the Fever, and, thinking all would be well soon, took his leave, giving the Apothecary instructions how to treat me. In this doubtful state I continued about a fortnight, taking a great quantity of medicine, even till he told me, that seeing his applications had done me no good, he was ashamed to make me a charge. Your little Essay on the virtues of your Fever Drops, at this time lying by me, I asked his opinion concerning it: He said, *by all means try it, if you like it.* I immediately sent for a bottle of your Drops, and, taking them according to your directions, my Fever soon left me; so that in ten or twelve days I was better able to walk five or six miles, than I was a few turns in my room before I took them. It is my request that you make this public, that, through the good hand of Providence, others may find that relief which I have so happily experienced.

I am, SIR,

Broad-street, St. James's,
Nov. 1, 1775.

Your much obliged, and

very humble servant,

C. LOLE.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

HAVING lately seen an Essay on the virtues of your Fever Drops, and the pleasing happiness of my being restored to good health and spirits, with the recovery of a lost appetite, by taking ten bottles of them; which, with the blessing of God, also cured me of an inveterate Scurvy and its baneful effects, which I laboured under for twelve years past, though attended by many of the Faculty both in town and country,—is the reason of your receiving this letter from me, that you may shew it, or publish it, for the benefit of mankind, and to return you my grateful thanks for the unexpected change in my constitution, particularly as to my hearing and memory.

I am, S I R,

*St. Martin's Lane,
April 15, 1775.*

With great respect,

Your most obliged humble servant,

MICHAEL BOURKE.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

ABOUT sixteen months ago I was recommended to try what effect your Fever Drops would have in a complication of disorders which I then laboured under; but being in the sixty-fourth year of my age, I had very little hopes that any medicine whatever could reach my case. However, I was prevailed on to consult you, and was so pleased with your judicious observations on my complaints, that I submitted myself at once entirely to your care.

I had a Slow Fever, which generally came on in the evening, and continued till morning, which so dried me up, that my skin felt like a skuttle-bone. My digestion was very bad, and I had an obstinate costiveness, for which I took purging medicines so long, that at last they lost their efficacy. An obstinate obstruction in my stomach and bowels, with a violent palpitation of the heart succeeded, which altogether rendered me incapable of any kind of business. These and many more were my complaints, when I applied to you, and which are entirely removed by taking your invaluable medicines, so that I am enabled to prosecute my usual daily labour with chearfulness. The truth of this, the family in which I have lived these forty years, will testify, and to which my master is pleased to subscribe his name with that of,

S I R,

Your ever grateful and

JOHN RYALL,
Brewer.

most humble servant,

WILLIAM SIMS

Stratton-Ground, Westminster, May 1, 1775.

To Dr. NORRIS.

S I R,

A Particular friend of mine, some time ago, had a scorbutic humour settled in his leg. He was cured by taking your Fever Drops.

Being a witness of their extraordinary good effects in that case, and seeing in your short Essay on their virtues, they are particularly recommended in Fevers, I was induced, about three weeks ago, to make trial of them on myself. I was attacked with a most violent Inflammatory Fever, attended with the most alarming symptoms, but, by taking one bottle of your Drops, in about sixteen hours, I felt myself greatly relieved; and a second bottle perfected my cure, without the least appearance of a relapse. You may make use of this, in any manner you please, for a public good, and am,

S I R,

*Lady Lakes's Grove,
Mile-End.*

Your most humble servant,

ROBERT EYRE.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

I Was afflicted with a Nervous Fever, attended with Gouty Rheumatic pains in my head and face, which would sometimes fly to my stomach, legs, feet, &c. with violent reachings, and almost a total loss of appetite. In this miserable state, at the time your Drops were recommended, I had kept my bed six weeks. I took them more freely than recommended in your directions, knowing that my complaints were very obstinate, and found almost immediate relief. By continuing to take them for a short time, my Fever left me, my appetite was restored, my pains were removed, and I recovered the use of my limbs; so that I now enjoy a better state of health than I recollect to have done for many years. I had lost the use of my right-hand and arm for nine or ten months before I took your Fever Drops; and as I gradually recovered of my other complaints, my hand and arm also recovered their natural strength and feeling, and have remained well ever since.

I am, S I R,

Your humble servant,

ELIZABETH SMITH.

Totbill-street, Westminster, May 8, 1775.

To Dr. NORRIS.

S I R,

A BOUT three years ago I had a Slow Fever on my spirits, which hung upon me for a considerable time. I took of many things which were ordered for me, to very little purpose; at length I was prevailed on to try your Fever Drops, from which I found immediate

immediate relief, and by continuing to take them for some little time, I got perfectly well.

On the 12th of September last I was seized with a violent putrid Fever; the symptoms were dreadful. I was first taken in bed with an unusual restlessness, a sickness and nausea at stomach, attended with great pain in my limbs, and a burning heat the whole night: the next day I had such a dejection, and lowness of spirits, as is hardly to be described. In this situation I fancied I could drink half a pint of porter, which I did, and; when I had got it down, I thought it would have been my last, it gave me such a shock, as seemed to deprive me of all strength and power. I then dispatched one of my people for you, and found you were out of town. However, contrary to the advice of all my friends, who were for sending immediately for a Physician, I was determined to try what your Drops would do; and immediately I sent for a bottle, and went to bed, and took them according to the directions; they threw me into a moderate sweat, which gave me almost immediate ease. I continued taking them every two, three, or four hours, and sometimes every hour, according as I found myself, for three days successively; when I found my Fever entirely vanished, and all those painful sensations gone; but left me very weak, though I did not keep to my bed constantly, nor was I in the least delirious the whole time. However, my appetite returning in a day or two after, I began to pick up a little, when you called, and advised my sleeping in the country, which I did, and in a few days was perfectly recovered. This you have my liberty to publish for the benefit of mankind, believing your Drops to be the most safe, mild, pleasant, and efficacious remedy in the world for Fevers; they never gave me the least disagreeable sensation or uneasiness whatsoever.

I am, S I R,

With all due respect,

Your very humble servant,

ROBERT FEARN.

No. 44, Cow-Lane,
Snow-Hill, London,
Aug. 1, 1778.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

Almost innumerable other instances might be given of extraordinary Cures perform'd by these Drops, but as in the foregoing there are a variety and number sufficient, I apprehend, to satisfy every one of their Virtues and great Efficacy, I thought it quite needless to trouble the reader with more.

J. NORRIS.

N. B. As there is a similarity between the names of NORTON and NORRIS, to prevent one being mistaken for the other, it may not be amiss to desire all persons to attend to the directions with NORRIS'S DROPS, which are peculiarly adapted for Fevers, and NORTON'S quite a different Medicine, only for the Scurvy.

Since the foregoing Cases were printed, the following have been received.

To Dr. NORRIS, in Duke-street, Westminster.

*Kent-street, in the Borough, Southwark,
July 14, 1778.*

S I R,

IN the month of July, 1777, my sister, Sarah White, about twenty-three years of age, was seized with a violent Putrid Fever, and Putrid Sore Throat. I immediately sent for my Apothecary, who attended her some days, and finding the Fever very alarming, and growing worse and worse, she having now lost the use of her limbs, he thought it highly necessary a Physician should be called in; and accordingly I sent for one of the most eminent in London, who in the course of three days finding her still growing worse, and expecting nothing but death, I sent for my aunt Mrs. Barclay, of All-hallows-lane, who immediately recommended the use of your Fever Drops; and thought, as the case was so very desperate, that you should be sent for. When you came, and saw her situation, you said you were afraid you were sent for too late, as there was no passage for any thing to be got down her throat; however, you would try what could be done, and immediately ordered a table spoonful of the Drops to be poured into her mouth, and there held as long as possible. This operation had so far the desired effect, as to bring away a large quantity of corrupted matter tinged with blood; after which, the first words she uttered (in broken accents) were, *Pray let me die easy*. However, by this means, a passage in some measure was obtained, and agreeable to your orders, in about a quarter of an hour after, a table spoonful of the Drops, with an equal quantity of red port, was used as a gargle, and repeated at proper intervals, to her great relief, in bringing off abundance of thick phlegm and corruption from her throat; after which, we were enabled to get some of the Drops down, and by drinking plentifully of balm and sage tea, a fine breathing sweat ensued, and a comfortable sleep soon followed; in twelve hours, she could move one of her feet, and by the next day was able to turn herself in bed, and in forty-eight hours her Fever was gone, and so much recovered as to bear sitting up while her bed was making, and gathered strength daily; and to the astonishment of myself, and all who saw her, she was happily recovered in a very short time, and has ever since continued to enjoy a perfect

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state of health. To my aunt, whose care in seeing that no part of your directions had been omitted, much is owing, who thinks it her duty, together with myself, for the benefit of others, to send you this case to add to your catalogue of cures, performed by your most excellent Drops.

I am, SIR, with great esteem,

Witness
ELIZ. THIA. BARCLAY.

Your very humble servant,
JOSEPH WHITE.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

Dear SIR,

YOUR favourable reception of my former letter induces me to trouble you with the present; wherein I shall recite, in the order they occurred, some of the late successes of your excellent Fever Drops.

One of our Night Constables having been strapped down in his bed for several days, delirious and frantic, in a violent Fever, his wife was persuaded to try your medicine; the effect was, a fine breathing sweat, which turned the disorder, so that he thenceforward grew better, till quite recovered. The wife told me, that she "believed Norris's Drops had saved her husband's life."

The child of Mr. Edkins, (a painter in St. James's Church-yard) a boy about four years old, given over in a Spotted Fever, supposed to be dying, and pronounced incapable of living through the night. An acquaintance of mine advised the father to try your medicine: The Doctor's consent being asked, he told them, "all things were alike, for that nothing could either hurt the child or do him good." The poor little creature was now emaciated to a skeleton, and as he lay motionless and gasping, a tea-spoonful of half-and-half Drops and port wine was poured into his mouth, part of which returned through the nose; for he was almost past swallowing; but the next attempt was more successful, the greater part went down, and brought on some little agitation; the third dose made a visible change for the better, and (as the mother expressed it) *the child began to look not so deathly*. In short, Sir, next day the child was able to take sustenance, and from this time amended apace, till quite recovered.

A boy about nine years old, in a Fever, at a boarding-school, growing worse and worse, without one good symptom about him, the master grew very uneasy: It was now about the eighth day of the disorder, when he seemed stupid, and the Doctor had said, "it would be some time before he was well, if he recovered. The Drops were now secretly given in plenty, and every thing else laid aside. The next visit, the Doctor liked the symptoms better, and exclaimed,

exclaimed, "Hah! this is what I wanted, now we begin to gain ground, &c." I will only tell you that the lad recovered in a short time, to the great joy of his father, master, &c.

My son told me of a carpenter in the neighbourhood, who complained of terrible pains from his breast through to his back. A large family depended on his daily labour. We gave him the Drops in Port wine (as he was excessive low); in the morning he found himself quite easy, and was getting up in the bed to thank me, if I had not prevented, and charged him not to check the sweat that had been so much his friend.

Next in course I am to thank you, Sir, under Providence, for my own life. Having been playing in my shirt, on a cold morning, with my little ones, in a room adjoining to my bed-chamber; I was waked in the ensuing night with a pain in the side of my belly, not so acute as that of the pleurisy, but a dead sort of pain that seemed like a stoppage; I felt also such a depression upon the urinary passage, as made me seem to want relief that way more than twenty times in an hour. About day-light I got up, to try the success of an upright posture. My distress increased very fast, and the warm liquids that were given me, returned in a few seconds, for nothing would yet remain in my stomach; they gave me castor-oil, but it came up in a moment; and now I grew so deplorably bad, that my life seemed to be in danger. An universal cold sweat, accompanied by faintness, was followed by a benumbing cold, that seized my hands and feet, (although in a warm parlour) and was approaching to my knees, when they trembled under me, and I was no longer supportable by those who held me, but desired to return to my bed. All positions were alike intolerable, and I began to think of a dissolution. In this extremity, my son (late your happy patient in London) came to the bedside, and asked me what I thought of the Fever Drops; now I had no feverish symptoms that I knew of, and in my consternation had forgot the madness of yesterday, and therefore answered that I could not look upon my case as coming within the prescription of that medicine; but he replied, that if a cold was the cause, the Drops might be a cure. He then poured half a wine glass of Drops, and filled it with Port wine; I drank it immediately, and (my stomach being otherwise empty) could sensibly feel it pervade the passages to the part affected in my bowels; and now a genial warmth soon began to take place of that coldness in my limbs, and in half an hour I was in a moderate sweat, being able to lie quiet for about two hours, when my sweat abating, I raised the perspiration by taking another dose as before, and so continued repeating my glass, at times, 'till I found myself perfectly well at ease, for about 36 hours; and in less than a week went abroad as well as ever. I ought to have mentioned, that after taking the Drops, instead of the depression above mentioned, a very free diuretic discharge followed in a few hours without the least uneasiness.

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Next follows a case that I can hardly think to have been exceeded since the invention of your noble medicine, and which, even though (as I feared) it had not been finally successful, must have reflected no little reputation thereon, for having repeatedly put off the stroke, and revived the patient in the very *hour of death*. But as the patient is now quite out of danger, I must congratulate you, Sir, on such a signal cure, as may deserve a place among your greatest achievements in the art of healing.

A poor industrious woman, the unhappy wife of a wretch who is gone a privateering, caught the Spotted Fever, by adventuring to assist a house full of sick, which every one else had abandoned. She was herself an invalid at the time, never having been her own woman (as she said) since (two years ago) she underwent a course of mercurials for a bad distemper received from her husband, which had left her subject to pains in the bowels and limbs, with a complication of disorders; in this state she received the infection, the putrescent symptoms were accordingly very rapid; but what increased the danger and misery of this poor woman, cathartic medicines had been given her, which had brought on a black flux; and now the Doctor was so certain of her death, that he cautioned those about her, not to let the body remain long unburied, &c. And thus the patient lay, in a close-ground apartment, very ill-attended, and under every disadvantageous circumstance; when a well disposed person, who had already sent her two small bottles of your Fever Drops, wished me to call and see her, as a person lying ill simply of a fever; which I did; but when those about her had told me the particulars above-mentioned, I despaired of her recovery. She was, however, still able to swallow, and therefore having furnished a supply of Drops, and altered the vehicle to Port wine, (for the first had been ignorantly given in tea) I left orders for the night, pursuant to the printed directions. The next day produced very little alteration, except (as we thought) some amendment in the pulse, which had been very tremulous and obscure; but at eleven the succeeding night, we were shocked with an account that the woman was dying. I now wished from my soul we had never meddled with such impossibilities, and would have given up the point; but my son (being encouraged by his own experience in nearly a similar extremity) proposed giving the Drops unmixed. I commended his firmness, and by one means or other we got the dying patient to drink a wine glass of the Drops alone. She was so sensible of benefit from this effort, that about an hour after, finding herself grow faint again, she took another glass of pure Drops; and now her hands and feet became warmer, her pulse much better, and thus we left her for the night, with proper orders to those who sat up. The patient was supported with good coniac-toddy, &c. and in the morning we found a tolerable pulse kept up. We ordinarily gave the Drops in Port; and now began a continued conflict, as it were, between death and the medicine, each alternately gaining ground. The spots were out in abundance,

abundance, and the flux continued; the patient had not the least retention from the first, and lay in a deplorable condition; at several other times she seemed to be dying, and even had what is called the death rattles upon her more than once; but when these ghastly symptoms appeared, the Drops were our sheet-anchor, and manifestly saved her life, at three or four several times. In some three or four days the flux stopped, and at the same time the patient found herself better. Soon after this we got her shifted into a good wholesome bed, but after all were afraid it was but for her to die upon. Persisting however in our course, watching the symptoms, especially the pulse and degrees of heat, according to the directions, and after taking more than eight five shilling bottles of Drops, the disorder seemed to be got under. This has been the most obstinate case we have met with, and indeed there seems to have been the most eminent danger of a total mortification; for when at the worst, the general complexion of the patient begun to assume a livid cast, she was convulsed, and her hands for twenty-four hours were half clinched, after the manner of claws, as though never to be unbent again. The poor woman repeatedly charged her expected death to those medicines that brought on the flux; but now both herself, and all who knew her, ascribe, with astonishment, her recovery to your Fever Medicine, as the only thing in the world, under God, that could have saved her.

In the course of my family's attendance upon the above woman, my son Henry sickened in a Fever, which soon became violent; but by a timely application of the Drops, the disorder was thrown off in a few days by a great rash that relieved him, so that he was not confined above a week.

My wife also complained of a Sore Throat in the morning. I wished her to take the Drops instantly, but she delayed it till evening, when the disorder increased so fast, that before bed time she was speechless, and the ulceration very considerable; thus being threatened with suffocation, she readily took the Drops, and even made signs to have them brought her frequently during the night by those who watched with her; in the morning following she spoke articulately, and in a day or two she was quite cured both of the Sore Throat and the Fever that attended it.

About the same time a servant came to me, late at night, acquainting me that his master was taken violently ill; it was a mile distant, but I immediately returned with the servant, and found my friend in bed, rolling from side to side in great agony, groaning, or rather roaring with extreme pain in his bowels. He had repeatedly taken Bostock's cordial without any effect. Upon enquiry I found that a deplorable stomach-sickness accompanied his other complaints; and now I brought him a good wine-glass of more than half Drops filled with Port wine, assuring him of instant relief; he drank it, and the event instantly made my words good; his head was no sooner on the pillow, but he fell asleep, and a sweat coming on, his nap
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continued two hours; then waking a little restless, a glass of Fever Drops and Port wine, as before, gave him a good remainder of the night, and next day he was quite easy and chearful.

I beg pardon for troubling you with this very long epistle, though on a subject that I make no doubt mankind in general will sooner or later be greatly benefited by; therefore hope you will excuse it, and am, wishing you many happy returns of the season,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble servant,

ARTHUR SAWIER.

Bristol, Dec. 12, 1778.

To Dr. NORRIS, in Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

FOR the great and unexpected recovery I have met with from a very long and painful illness by the use of your Drops for Fevers, I think myself bound in gratitude to return you my most sincere and hearty thanks. At the same time I think it proper that you should be acquainted with the particulars of my case, as possibly it may be of great benefit to others labouring under the same or like complaints, and for that purpose you may make it public or not, as you think proper.

It was as follows:—When I was about ten years of age I had a disorder in my head, occasioned in the first place by an Ague and Fever, which at times was so violent that it impaired my memory, and had almost deprived me of my speech, attended with a continual fever, frequent cold sweats, weakness and loss of appetite, giddiness, shakings, and tremors, particularly in my hands, sometimes to such a degree that I could scarce hold a pen to write. I applied to various physicians for advice for many years, and took variety of medicines in great abundance, but to very little good effect; for though I sometimes found myself a little better, 'twas but of short duration, my disorder still returning, and I was as bad as ever. I also drank the salt waters, by which finding myself, as I thought, now and then a little better, I continued them for a considerable time, but never to be well, or free from my complaints, even for a week together, 'till some time in May last seeing Dr. Norris's Drops for Fevers advertised in the Salisbury Journal, I was willing to try them, and accordingly bought of Messrs. Collins and Johnson, in Salisbury, a half-crown bottle, and took it according to the directions; and finding great benefit from them, I purchased another, which removed the pain in my head entirely, took off the fever, and quite relieved me from the giddiness and tremblings, and restored my appetite; and by the blessing of God, and the efficacy of these

these Drops, I can ride journies, do my business with pleasure, and, in short, have enjoyed for upwards of six months past a better state of health than ever I did before, even when at best, for upwards of thirty years.

I am your very obliged and

Obedient humble servant,

JOHN TULK.

Gosport, Dec. 29, 1778.

To Dr. NORRIS, Duke-street, Westminster.

S I R,

MY Brother, Richard Fothergill, aged twenty years, was seized, about the middle of September last, with a violent Putrid Fever; when the Apothecary that attended him thought it prudent to recommend the best advice that could be had. Upon which one of the most eminent Physicians in the city was sent for, who attended for three or four days, in which time the Physician said, he had little hopes of his recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Leece, of the Edinburgh Coffee-house, relations of Mr. Fothergill's, were telling some gentlemen in the coffee-room, who knew him, that his Physician had little hopes of his recovery; when a gentleman in company recommended the use of Dr. Norris's Fever Drops; saying he had a sufficient proof of their safety and efficacy, in a case similar to this, in his own relation, who was restored, after being given over by her Physician, and having himself for years experienced their good effect. Accordingly two bottles of the Drops were sent for, and a proper quantity immediately given, which brought on a fine sweat; and the gentleman who recommended the Drops was so kind as to stay with Mr. Fothergill till near twelve o'clock that night, and then left him in a fine breathing sweat, insomuch, that I was afraid they would have been too powerful; and I the next morning gave him two of the draughts prescribed by the Physician, which abated the sweat, and he became worse. However, I was again prevailed upon by the Gentleman and Mrs. Leece, to give no more of the Physician's prescriptions, but continue the use of the Fever Drops; and at the same time agreed to send for you, when you said, you would not promise any thing in his favour till he had taken of your Drops twenty-four hours at least. We followed your directions in administering the Drops, and in the space of 48 hours you pronounced him out of danger. However, to give sanction to my proceedings, in case of the worst, the Physician attended him, and prescribed regularly; and he was agreeably surprized, in the course of twenty-four hours after your Drops were administered, and said my brother was better; not knowing that any thing had been given but what

what he prescribed. But we were at length determined to rely on the Drops, and to give no other medicine whatever; by which, under God, my brother has been restored; for in eight days he was able to walk about the room, and in less than ten he went abroad; and has ever since enjoyed a perfect state of health. This, Sir, you have my permission to add to your catalogue of cures.

JOHN TUCK

And am, with all due respect,

Your humble servant,

MARY FOTHERGILL.

Witness, ALEXANDER BARCLAY,

Fleet-Market, Feb. 15, 1779.

These Drops are sold at most of the principal Cities and Towns in England, particularly at the following Places.

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Mills,
Cadell,
Routh,
Cocking.
Salisbury, - Collins and Johnson.
Bath, - Cruttwell.
York, - Frobisher.
Cambridge, - Fletcher,
Burgess.
Chichester, - Jaques.
Canterbury, Simmonds and Co.
Exeter, - Thörn.
Worcester, - Berrow.
Leeds, - Binns.
Nottingham, Burbage.
Yarmouth, - Checkley.
Liverpool, - Crane.
Reading, - Carnan and Smart.
Bridport, - Ackerman.

Frome, - Mr. Hancock.
Portsmouth, - Breadlower.
Plymouth Dock, Maurice.
Manchester, - Harrop.
Hull, - Brown.
Shepton-Mallet, Carey.
Birmingham, Pearson and Co.
Preston, - Binns.
Farnham, - Cooke.
Gainsborough, Dickenson.
Derby, - Drewry.
Rochester, - Fisher.
Chelmsford, - Frost.
Sherborne, - Goadby.
Peterborough, Jacobs.
Dartmouth, Leigh.
Maidstone, - Mercer.
Cirencester, - Stevens.
Newcastle, - Slack.
Buckingham, Seeley.